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"What is wrong is to think of God while forgetting man. You evoke God so as to turn your back on man." Elie Wiesel, *Twilight*

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The Christian Right's Agenda

Richard Kirton

If I ever believed that the fundamentalist agenda ended with sexual minorities, that belief was recently shattered. The setting is the workshop "Exposing the Gay Agenda" held at the Tumwater Evangelical Church in Olympia, on May 15. The main character is Glen Dobbs, a former Washington State Legislator from Lewis County. Supporting characters include Representative Val Stevens, a Republican from Snohomish County. I am one of 50 "extras" that attended the meeting to hear what Dobbs had to say.

As the title implies, the meeting was billed as an anti-gay organizing workshop, the stated purpose included three points. 1. To learn positive confrontation methods. 2. To repeal the gay agenda. 3. To prevent the seduction of our sons. WOW! what an agenda! Needless to say, members of the affectional minority community (gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people) as well as supportive heterosexuals turned out in large numbers to protest the meeting. Outside the church, about 30 activists displayed signs, and attempted to educate passersby about the meeting. Inside the church, about 10 to 15 of the 50 participants were supporters of the affectional minority community.

The following includes quotes from Glen Dobbs, and others in an attempt to demonstrate the rhetoric that was presented. Except in a few obvious places, I have refrained from adding my own editorial comments, as I feel Dobbs' own words provide sufficient information. Hopefully, you will understand some of the biblical significance to his statements, and see how everything all works together.

The following groups were listed during various points of the lecture as the target groups by the "Christian Right" This is only a partial list of the groups mentioned.

1. Environmentalists
2. Gays and Lesbian
3. Sex Educators, Educators in general, the NEA, and the WEA
4. Feminists
5. The Media
6. Choice-supporters
7. Women
8. "Young Black Men"
9. Supporters of Gun Control
10. "Liberal Socialists"

Two of the issues repeatedly discussed were environmental issues and civil rights legislation most notably gay and lesbian civil rights issues.

Tumwater Evangelical Church *Photo by Dave Campbell*

The following potential initiative campaigns were discussed (in various degrees).

1. Repealing gay rights ordinances currently on the books (most notably the governor's executive order). Prohibiting future gay rights legislation.
2. Repealing the Department of Ecology
3. Repealing taxation, [*This is a very interesting concept because it was repeatedly pointed out that one of the factors that will cause the overturning of government as we know it is a lack of funds to pay the national debt.*]
4. Disbanding CPS and DSHS.

Here are some statements made by Mr. Dobbs as part of the presentation. These statements are not in any particular order and every attempt was made to include the entire quote.

"We don't want to just beat them, we want to punish them."

"If you gave the members of the Washington Legislature a test about the constitution at a sixth grade level from the World War I era, only about five of them could pass."

"Most Christians just want to live their lives in peace, and be left alone. Most Homosexuals want the same thing. I believe in that. They have the right to do that as long as they keep it in the bedroom. The issue isn't about Homosexuality, the issue is acceptance. If you read the Gay Agenda, you will see that what they want is public acceptance."

"You must refer to environmentalists as environmental terrorists because that is what a faction of that movement is."

"The liberal-socialist media has tried to establish a link between the wacko in Waco and fundamentalist Christians. They have done the same thing with the Weaver guy from Idaho."

Dobbs stated he is worried about the backlash against homosexuals and "black men" but he created an atmosphere that encourages that backlash. Some of the LIES he presented about gay people include the following:

1. All gay people want to eliminate the age of consent.
2. Tens of thousands of gay people like to go around showing their breasts and genitalia.
3. Most child molestation is perpetrated by gay men. [*Dobbs refused to identify the source of his statistics.*]

Dobbs also talked again and again about how homosexuals comprise less than 1% of the population, he also stated that only about 10% of the population belonged to the "liberal-socialist" however, he repeatedly accused these groups of having immense political power and being a great threat to our society. He claimed that the liberal-socialist had managed to elect every president for more than 20 years (also claiming that George Bush was the biggest socialist since Ronald Reagan, and implying that Clinton is even bigger than Bush).

"The gay movement is on the decline."

Regarding HB 1443, the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, Dobbs stated during the 1994 legislative session, "We are going to put on a show about this issue and you are going to see more Democrats running for cover and loosing their support. We intend to educate every representative we can get our hands on about this issue— even Cal Anderson— This is going to become the election issue," and we will win.

Crime is not threatening your families, your lives, and your homes. What is threatening these things is the legislature. There was a bill in the legislature that would tax church property. That's what is destroying us. [*The bill in question would have imposed property taxes upon any tax exempt organization that engaged in specific types of political activity. This bill was written to the same specifications that the IRS uses to determine Federal tax exempt status.*]

Dobbs accused sex educators of "emotionally and mentally molesting my children."

"Government is a predator."

Dobbs vision of the future follows:

"By the end of 1995 the debt service (interest) on the national debt is going to eat up 80% of tax collections. At that time the world will know we are bankrupt."

"Clinton's role will be for America what Gorbechev's role was for the Soviet Union. I believe Bush knew that— that is why he left with a smile on his face."

The causes of America's downfall will be:

1. The economy is in the pit
2. A restructuring of the economy
3. "Young Black men are being radicalized!"

...the stated purpose included three points. 1. To learn positive confrontation methods. 2. To repeal the gay agenda. 3. To prevent the seduction of our sons.

How will it occur?

First some history: Under Ronald Reagan, the United States Senate ratified the United Nations Genocide Treaty. A treaty that we ha d opposed for the previous 20 years.

Also, the United States has fought the following United Nations wars: Vietnam, Korea, the Middle East (Iraq), Somalia, and we are going to the Balkins.

The UN sent troops into Somalia with out being asked. That set a precedent. But since it was a relief mission it was okay. Soon, we will send troops into the Balkins, but that will be a full military operation...without being invited. This will set another precedent.

They will use genocide and the

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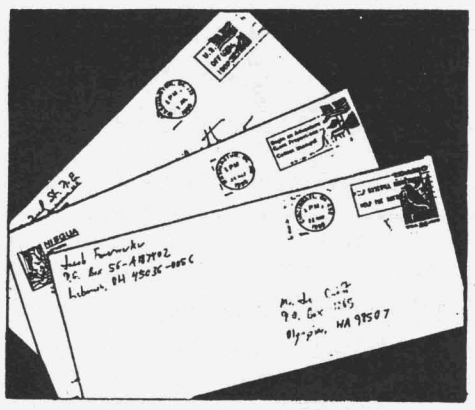

Learn More About the Western Shoshone Defense Project

To the editor,

I am writing in response to an article submitted by Dave Wells in your May issue. First of all I want to mention that the information that he disseminated concerning the case history of the Western Shoshone Defense Project was valuable, but there are several points that I took issue with.

The conflict as it stands concerns Mary, Carrie, and Clifford Dann, not the entire Dann family. In fact these siblings have not received much support from several family members, and it is erroneous to assume that the family is in support of this project (one reason that I find it important to gather as much information as possible before making such statements).

I am concerned about the supposed "street theatre project" that Mr. Wells was planning. This type of action may be appropriate with certain cultures, but was not supported by the Defense Project, nor did they have any information about the "street theatre". To demonstrate in behalf of Native peoples could somehow damage the cause that we/they have worked so hard on. There are already too many negative stereotypes concerning Native peoples, and it is unfortunate that Mr. Wells could somehow forget this. Presently, there are several Native and non-Native Evergreen students working on various projects both here and in Nevada, and this type of John Wayne ramrod attitude that Mr. Wells has taken cannot be tolerated.

I encourage everyone to learn more about the Western Shoshone Defense Project. You can contact them at General Delivery Crescent Valley, NV 89821. (702) 468-0230.

To all of my relations,
G.W. Galbreath

Marx is True Socialist

Dear Sir:

In response to Dave Zink, I would like to say: there can never be a political party for working people in a capitalist system. The workers do not support the Democrat and Republican Parties. The capitalists pay the political parties. The only political party for working people is the Socialist Labor Party of the United States. The only party that strictly follows the teachings of Karl Marx. There is *no* other "socialism." There is no worker control of the work place. The only exception was the Paris Commune of March 18, 1871, when the national guard took control of Paris. Paris was run from top to bottom by the workers, after the capitalists of the time left like a pack of rats.

It seems Dave Zink is looking to the Unions for liberation of the working class. (1) The unions are losing members. (2) The important unions that are left consider workers and capitalists partners. As if a hold-up man and victim are partners. (3) Unions panic when they lose dues.

In the last paragraph, Dave Zink looks to Perot (a billionaire, maybe three) to help workers is laughable and ridiculous. If Perot ever is president, there won't be a chicken anywhere in sight.

Workers must ever be on guard against false socialists that depart from Karl Marx, this includes the former USSR. Karl Marx showed the path to economic freedom. Take the wrong path and give joy to the capitalists while workers go around in circles.

Yours truly,
Milton Poulos

Correction

The address for the Seattle Commission on Children & Youth, which was published last month in "Are Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual People Discriminated Against in Washington State?" should have been:

Seattle Commission on
Children & Youth
618 2nd Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Moved by Show of Support

Dear Thurston County Rainbow Coalition and Workers in Progress,

Thank you for the great paper that you put out, all of the hard work that you put into it, and the great latitude that you afford us about those silly deadlines. We appreciate the full page coverage of the March 13th, "Day of Action: Washington State United for Justice In Our Fields".

The speakers at our conference were outstanding and the food delicious and plentiful. It was a rare opportunity for the farm workers to make their voices heard in public, at the conference and also at the rallies.

They were very moved by the show of support, not only from the hundreds of people that joined us that day, but also all of the area businesses that contributed food and money.

There was so much food leftover, that we were able to bring a car load of soup, bread, etc. to the Bread and Roses kitchen. We also raised hundreds of dollars from individuals, unions, and social justice groups, which helped to defray the costs of the farm workers coming over here, and to fight their ongoing battles. Many farm workers are being "laid off" for refusing to sign anti-union statements. This of course is impacting the union's already strained resources.

In Solidarity and appreciation,
Sheila Payne, Paul Ortiz
Olympia Farm Workers' Justice
Committee members

Hall of the Woods Productions Submissions

Hall of the Woods Productions is inviting the submission of new works written and directed by women to be included in a **Women's New Works Festival** that will take place on June 25th & 26th.

We would like a one page proposal that will include: a short description of the piece, a delineation of technical and staging requirements, and an address and phone number for future contact.

Send 1 page proposal to *Hall of the Woods Productions*, 3712 Sapp Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. or call Reuben Yancey, 956-0191 for more information.

If a piece is accepted Hall of the Woods will provide production and promotional support.

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The AMA on Health Care Reform

Joel Montague, Ph.D.

It is becoming apparent that the nature of health care reform will be determined by political process, guided by economic ideology, rather than by objective need, principles of equity and organizational efficiency. Despite the good efforts of Hillary Clinton and the President, vested interests will very likely determine the nature of the new system.

The American Medical Association is one of the most influential of these special interest groups. Dr. James Todd, Executive Vice-President of the association, elaborated on the position, taken by the AMA, and thinking back of it, by his responses to questions put to him on the David Brinkley show of March 14. In response to a question concerning the general nature of the AMA program, he said that they favor a "basic package" to increase access to care. If additional treatment is needed over and above the basic package, he declared, "Let them use their own money."

That response is equivalent to: "Let them eat cake" and it reveals a disdain and callousness toward the poor which does not reflect well upon the profession.

Sam Donaldson asked if the basic package wouldn't limit care available for the poor, whereas the rich could get whatever they need? The AMA President responded, "That's the American way."

That is an "apple pie and motherhood" response which legitimizes inequality and discrimination — if it's American, it must be acceptable.

One might think that Dr. Todd was expressing his personal opinion and that such an ungenerous view should not be attributed to the American Medical Association. He did not make such a disclaimer. When a top official of a professional association appears on one of the most widely watched TV shows, one may be certain that he is there to represent the views of the association.

The AMA sank to similar ignoble depths earlier in this century in their long fight against all efforts to extend health care through public participation and group practice, - including Medicare. If your age permits, you may recall the AMA's crusade against "socialized medicine." That cry is now being revived by some doctors. It reached the international level in 1956-57.

The British Medical Journal ran an editorial saying, "We...deplore the vulgarity and cheapness of the AMAs past and present attacks on the National Health Service, in their effort to deflect what our American colleagues call socialized medicine." And the Times of London editorialized, "If the AMA have any regard for the truth, they should put the record straight." (We were living in England at the time.)

The AMA now recognizes that a problem exists, and that is helpful. They should be heard, but the AMA has neither the mandate nor the expertise to determine the nature of the reformed health care program.

Although Dr. Todd speaks for the AMA, I feel confident that he does not represent the views of most US doctors. Some polls have shown that the majority of doctors support some form of comprehensive, universal health care. Neither do all professional organizations oppose a national health service. The prestigious Physicians for a National Health Program at Harvard proposes a federally mandated system, administered largely at the state and local levels which borrows many features from the Canadian national health program and adapts them to the unique circumstances of the United States. They likewise have no mandate to determine the form the new system should take. Their proposal, however, accepts as a starting point, the fundamental principles of universality and comprehensiveness.

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I fear that the AMA, along with the pharmaceutical industry, insurance companies and the American Association of Retired Persons will determine the nature of the reformed health care system, and that will be rationalized as the democratic political process.

Reprinted from the May 1993 Senior News.

Progressive Recovery

Sarah Light

Our mainstream society is alcoholic - awash in lies, denial, greed, abuse, and illusion. We are taught "don't talk, don't trust, don't feel." What often passes as logic and fact in our society is actually insanity. People die and die and die, and the corporate police state chugs merrily along.

Those of us who are perceived as the "other" are in the way. Our existence alone is seen as a challenge, an affront, a sin. We are persecuted for simply being who we are. The hatemongers beat on us until self-medication can seem the only way to survive. Then the hatemongers stereotype, weed, and supposedly seed us. Alcohol is used intentionally as a tool of genocide, as it has been for centuries.

Ben Franklin wrote in his diary in the 1700's: "And indeed, if it be the design of Providence to extirpate these Savages in order to make room for cultivators of the earth, it seems not improbable that Rum may be the appointed means. It has already annihilated all the tribes who formerly inhabited the sea coast." That word "extirpate" is an important one, it means a violent and *intentional* rooting out.

Fredrick Douglas stated in an 1846 lecture in Glasgow, Scotland: "On Each Saturday night, it is quite common in Maryland (the slave state from which I escaped) for masters to give their slaves a considerable amount of whiskey to keep them during the Sabbath in a state of stupidity. At the time when they would be apt to think — at a time when they would be apt to devise means for their freedom — their masters give them of the stupefying draught which paralyzes their intellect, and in this way prevents their seeking emancipation."

The hatemongers love it when we pick up the bottle. Our addictions are actively encouraged. Alcohol companies specifically advertise to the 10% of Americans that consume over 40% of the alcohol. They aim their message of escape, glamour, and good times to those of us who are long time heavy drinkers.

There is great power in naming. We can start our recovery by telling the truth. Whatever we are all busy not looking at is most likely what we* need *to look at.

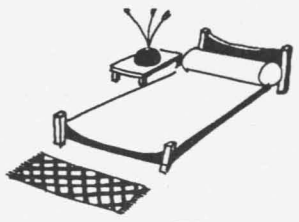
We progressives aren't supposed to talk about alcoholism because we're different. We're working for social change, so we can't possibly be f—ked up and abusive. We have a different genetic structure from the rest of humanity, we can hold our liquor just fine, thank you. Meanwhile we are losing valuable people to addictions.

Alcoholism rips relationships, families, and communities apart. The genocidal cycle continues. We pass it on, generation after generation. We all think we are different and unique. We protect our supply, and maintain as best we can. By drowning in the bottle, we are doing the master's bidding.

There is great power in naming. We can start our recovery by telling the truth. Whatever we are all busy not looking at is most likely what we *need* to look at. Addictions and abuse exist in our progressive communities, our politics alone do not exempt us. We must have courage to name them, and to free ourselves from their enslavement everyday with every breath in our bodies. Together we can build true communities that fully support hope and healing for every single solitary one of us.

Good reading: *When Society Becomes an Addict*, Anne Wilson Schaef
The Recovery Book, Al J. Mooney
The Broken Cord, Michael Dorris

Sarah Light is learning how to signify.



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Not This NAFTA! Rally

Alan Brisley

In spite of cold wind and pouring rain eight speakers and five bands braved the stage and over 500 people turned out to join voices in a resounding "No!" to the North American Free Trade Agreement on May 1 at Seattle's Westlake Mall. Fitting to International Workers Day the rally carried the message that in this era of multi-national corporate mobility nothing is more necessary than international solidarity between workers and communities. Rallies, teach-ins, conferences and other events took place at seventeen other locations around the country in opposition to NAFTA over the course of the first week of May.

Speakers from labor, women's and environmental organizations from the U.S., Canada and Mexico as well as from local unions and churches rallied around some common themes. NAFTA is an attack on working people of all three countries and must be defeated. NAFTA is a corporate agenda which attacks our democratic sovereignty and our ability to protect ourselves from the environmental, consumer and workplace abuses of multinational corporations. NAFTA is only one piece of a much larger political and economic problem that we face. We have to look beyond defeating NAFTA and find ways to work together internationally if we are to build a future of economic, social and environmental justice.

Eduardo Diaz, an organizer and leader from Mexico with the Frente Autentico de Trabajadores (Authentic Workers Front) warned the rally that NAFTA is already being implemented in Mexico. The Salinas administration is already making structural changes within the Mexican government that will achieve the same results as NAFTA. For example, Mexican petro-chemical industries, long protected from foreign investment and ownership as a guardian of Mexican economic independence has already been "liberalized" (opened to foreign private ownership) in the area of twelve key petrochemicals. More important than defeating NAFTA, Diaz said, is creating the *alternative* to NAFTA.

The Canadian experience with the existing "free trade" agreement between Canada and the U.S. was brought home by Jackie Larkin, a leader and outspoken member of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women in Canada. "You are cheap labor to us!" she reminded the crowd, citing the loss of hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs to the U.S. since the signing of the FTA. "NAFTA is a corporate agenda which takes away the ability of governments to have any control over social policies. . . Any social program that a government brings in that might be seen as competition to the possibilities for profit by a corporation is something that the free trade agreement does not allow." The responsibility for making these so-called trade decisions lies with appointed panels of trade representatives. Larkin emphasized, "This agreement will be built on the backs of the poorest and most disadvantaged of all of our societies. We know that it will be built on the backs of women and the poorest women of our societies."

"NAFTA is a corporate agenda which takes away the ability of governments to have any control over social policies..." Larkin

President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, George Kourpias, spoke passionately about the conditions of the people in Mexico who work in the Maquiladoras (factories owned by U.S. corporations and built in Mexico in special "enterprise zones"). He recently returned from a tour of the border region and painted a gruesome picture of people living in shanty towns without water, electricity or plumbing who work for less than a dollar an hour in state of the art high-tech manufacturing plants. These plants flush their untreated wastes into the streams and drainage ditches at night. He said that these factories target workers for employment who are sixteen to twenty three years old, primarily women. "Trade union workers must educate America about this," he said.

The Rev. Robert Jeffery, Executive Director of the Black Dollar Days Task Force in Seattle brought the issue home by describing the neglect of the inner cities and the urban poor in this country and asking why our government wants to make it easy for companies to move to Mexico. "Our Labor made these people wealthy. . . .Today these giants tell us of their responsibility to compete globally. In other words, they're trying to get us to believe that they have little or no responsibility to the maintenance and development of the communities of the United States of America." Jefferys said that what we need is "community economic self-determination."

The hard work of the NAFTA/GATT Justice Committee, the Washington Coalition for Fair Trade and Social Justice and the Washington State Rainbow Coalition to put on this rally was evident. The question remains: how do we proceed from here to defeat NAFTA in Congress and more importantly to build coalitions and movements that can span the North American continent and advance social, political and economic justice and democracy.

For more information on NAFTA, the growing campaign to defeat it or to get involved contact the NAFTA/GATT Justice Committee at 786-8950.

Alan is a Co-coordinator for thee Thurston County Rainbow Coalition..

Cesar Chavez

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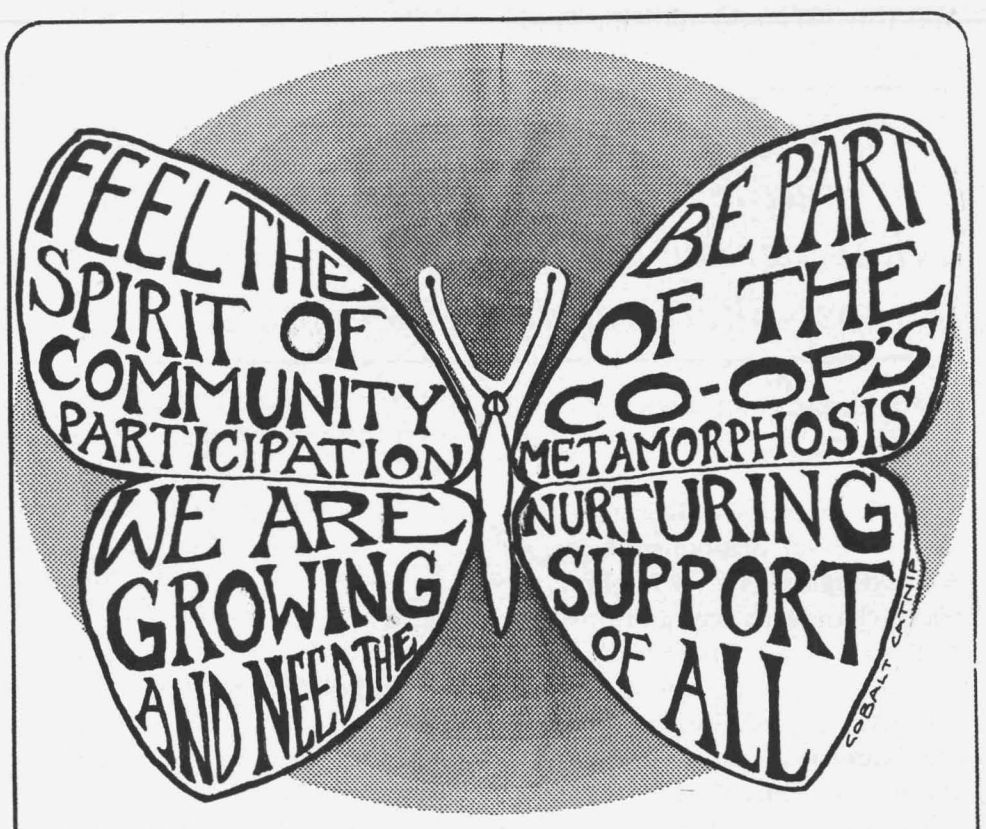
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A Just Fair Tax System That Still Provides Revenue

Marvin Saillard

Population growth and community progress make community land values grow. If the rental-values of land-sites in the community were collected as public revenue, the community would benefit directly from the land values that have been caused by community growth, community improvements, and community services.

A tax on land-values cannot be passed along to the community in higher prices on land because the tax cannot reduce the supply of land. A higher tax on the value of land makes it more expensive to hold valuable land out of use or in underdeveloped use, causing more landowners to compete to sell their land, therefore making land prices and land-rents come down. **This would make land and products more affordable, and it would be a boost to the economy.**

Under land-value taxation, land-rents would grow at the same rate as the need for public revenue grows. The community would benefit from public revenue increasing in direct proportion to the community's need for public revenue. This would be further encouraged because there would be no need for regressive taxes on such things as incomes, sales and the value of capital products. **Regressive taxes discourage production** by increasing production costs. The resulting scarcity of products raises prices and drives up the cost of living.

Regressive taxes also depress the economy by creating unemployment. **A land-value tax,** which collects most or all of the rental-value of land, **is the only tax which will not adversely affect the economy.** Our present system of taxation allows landowners to use land, or charge others to use land, while paying little or no land-rent to the community whose population, improvements and services have made the land valuable.

Our present system of taxation encourages land speculation and land-price inflation **which limit the jobs that can be created on our valuable urban locations.** Labor competing for scarce jobs drives down wages which also drives down the demand for capital. While the purchasing power of labor and of owners of earned capital is going down, the purchasing power of many landowners and land speculators is going up due to land speculation, population growth, community improvements and expanding community services. **The rich get richer while the poor get poorer.**

If we were to amend our state constitution to allow a two-rate property tax, we could increase the tax-rate from 1% on land and buildings to 5% on land-values alone over a ten year period while decreasing it to 0% on the value of homes, buildings and improvements over the same ten years. **No one would be penalized for building and improving, and everyone would be encouraged to make good use of their land.**

Since it is a rule of thumb of lenders to require home and small business loans not to exceed 5 times the value of the land, a 5% tax-rate on land-values would not increase the tax bill of homeowners and small businesses. The only people who would be penalized by a land-value/two rate property tax would be those who were standing in the way of progress by preventing anyone from making efficient use of their valuable land.

The community would benefit from public revenue increasing in direct proportion to the community's need for public revenue.

Instead, **all landowners would be encouraged to make the highest and best use of their land** so they could afford to pay the rent. Highest and best use of land would mean a high demand for labor and capital with high wages and good interest. **This would increase jobs and boost the whole economy.**

If we continue regressive taxation of incomes, sales and the value of capital products, business profits will continue to fall and government deficits will continue to rise. And if we keep on allowing landowners to rob land-rent from the government, and then allow the government to increasingly rob the taxpayer of his earnings from his labor and his capital, won't all that robbery lower the moral tone of our society? **Won't criminals feel increasingly justified in expanding their robbery in the face of all the legalized forms of robbery taking place in our government? We suffer real economic loss if we do not collect the community-created land-rent as public revenue.**

For efficiency, for adequate revenue, and for justice, every user of land should be required to make an annual payment to the local government, equal to the current rental value of the land that he or she prevents others from using.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could, and should, do for themselves."

We need a two-rate property tax so that we can turn our property tax into an incentive system of taxation.

Marvin Saillard is a member of the Washington State Georgist Association (Hamlet Hilpert, President 206-736-3639 995 State Hwy 507 Centralia, WA 98531) which is a chapter of Common Ground - USA. John Burger, Executive Administrator 812-473-1235 1475 Terraceview Lane N Plymouth, MN 55447-2407

Their purpose is to promote a property tax system which will encourage economic activity to benefit the community and to boost the economy. They propose to eliminate regressive taxes and promote collection of the rental-value of land as public revenue. This will reward all of the people in the community for their contribution to the healthy economic growth of their community.

They learned these principles by studying PROGRESS AND POVERTY classic book of economic science and social philosophy by Henry George, first published in 1879 and now available from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 41 East 72nd Street, New York, NY 10021 in paperback for $6.00 plus $1.50 handling.

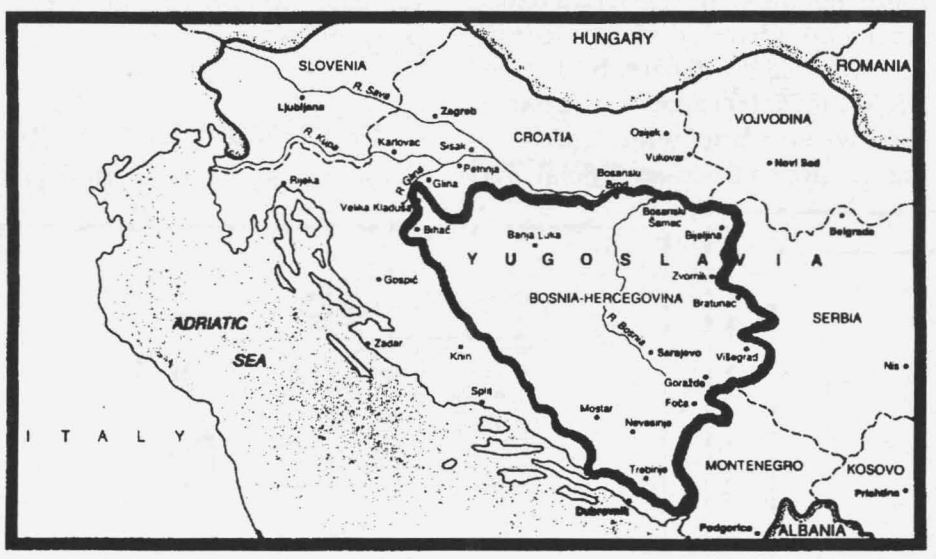
A Free Public Forum on Bosnia

Ms. Bojana Mladenovic, a human rights activist from the former Yugoslavia, will speak at two public events on Tuesday, June 1, about the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina. She will speak first at **12 NOON** at the Evergreen State College Library lobby, and then at **7:00 P.M.** at the United Churches at the corner of 11th and Capital Way in Olympia.

Ms. Mladenovic is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the philosophy of science at the University of California at Berkeley.

She works with Amnesty International and is a leading member of the Bay Area Balkans Peace Project. She has been speaking out at many forums and rallies throughout California on what is happening in the former Yugoslavia. In Olympia, Bojana Mladenovic will discuss causes of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Yugoslavia, the current situation there, the roles of the United States and the European Community, and how peace and justice groups in this country are and should be responding to the violence.

Last spring, all over Bosnia-Herzegovina, tens of thousands of people from all ethnic backgrounds marched for peace, shouting, "We want to live together." Unfortunately, of course, the people of the region have not had the opportunity to live in peace. The subsequent events and war have been portrayed continuously in our mass media ever since—often with more confusion than clarity. We have an opportunity to go beyond the daily soundbites and horrifying pictures of death and rape and gain more understanding of the reasons for what is happening and what we can do by attending these talks by Ms. Mladenovic.



These public forums on Tuesday, June 1st at Noon and at 7 P.M. are sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Peace Center and Evergreen Political Information Center at Evergreen State College. These events are free and open to the public. There will be plenty of time at both forums for discussion and the answering of your questions. For more information, call 866-6000 ex. 6431.

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Tuesday, June 1

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The Origins of Fort Lewis

Greg Bye

In early September of 1916, Captain Richard Park, of the Army's Western Department, was in the Pacific Northwest to inspect potential sites for a military cantonment. Stephen J. Appleby, cashier of the Tacoma National Bank, learned of Captain Park's visit, and contacted him from Camp Murray, near American Lake — where Appleby was performing his volunteer militiaman service. Captain Park accepted Appleby's invitation to come to Pierce County and "fully investigate" the area around American Lake, where Appleby and others had been working to secure for the War Department. The Army's representative came away doubly impressed: both by the potential site, and the preliminary steps being done to obtain it.

Not long after the inspection, Major General Franklin J. Bell, Commander of the Western Department, received a favorable report on the "American Lake site," sent by Captain Park, at his headquarters office in San Francisco. This made him decide to go north and see the place for himself.

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The general was not disappointed, and vowed to do his part to ensure that the post planners achieved their goal. But, he announced at a dinner in his honor, at the Country Club on Camp Murray, the only sure way for the plan to succeed would be for Pierce County to "donate" 30,000 acres to the Department of War. (One month earlier, a bill had passed in congress that allowed the Secretary Of War to accept tracts or land from local governments, for permanent military mobilization and supply stations.)

Appleby, upon hearing the general's message, formed an official committee, consisting of businessmen, and civic leaders — including 'Tacoma Daily News' publisher Franklin S. Baker and Tacoma Mayor Angelo Fawcett — to promote the idea of bringing an army post to the American Lake site.

The committee's cause was by no means a new one. The Army had been interested in the area since at least 1901, when the Western Department's maneuver division recommended much of "the future site of Camp Lewis as a place to train all regular Army troops," as well as those of the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho National Guard. Several favorable appraisals were sent to the War Department over the years, including General Murray's, which proposed,in 1912, that the land be used as both a training site and a military reservation.

During this period, a few of the owners of the land in question came to support the post-plan. Among them was S.A. Perkins, who owned a large tract of land around American Lake. When the "army post-plan" went public, on December 4th, 1916, Perkins told the 'Daily News' that:

"Yes, I have some large holdings at the head of American Lake which the government will desire. Some nine years ago I purchased 100 acres at the head of the lake...But after the talk of an army post came up shortly after I purchased this land, I decided not to improve it but to hold it so that it could not fall into the hands of the speculators.

In late 1915, as reported by the December 4th 'Dally News,' Perkins was offered an additional 200 acres at the head of the lake. This tract was being held by the Tacoma Land Company, which was "afraid (that) somebody might get hold of it and hold up the army post..." Perkins accepted, "so at the proper time it could be turned over to the government."

From 30,000 Acres to 70,000 Acres

The new committee concluded that it could probably secure 30,000 acres without too much trouble. But in October, General Bell informed them that the Army needed 110,000 acres; enough for 2 divisions to train on. After some debate, both sides agreed to 70,000 acres. The general then wrote a brief which made his acceptance of the plan official, and gave it to Appleby.

On October 15th, Appleby, Baker, and Tacoma realtor Jesse 0. Thomas, went to Washington D.C., with General Bell's brief, to arrange a meeting with the Secretary of War. The trio first presented the donation proposal to the department's staff. Although not all favored the plan, General Crowder, Judge Advocate General, gave an opinion that the land could be given to the War Department without an act of congress, in accordance with the recently passed bill.

On the strength of that opinion, a meeting was set up between the committee and Secretary of War Baker (no relation). The secretary quickly accepted the plan, but warned them that President Wilson and congress must first approve of it. And this would have to wait until after the November elections.

Before the committee members went on their way, a draft of the post-plan was written, including a clause that allowed for the return of the land to Pierce County "if the United States should ever cease to maintain said tract as a site for a permanent mobilization, training and supply station.

Appleby received a letter from Secretary Baker, on December 2nd, that "approv(ed) and accept(ed) the proposal without changes."

County Commissioners Petitioned

Most of the 70,000 acres around American lake and the Nisqually plain was privately owned. And no one was certain if all, or even most, of the owners would part with their land willingly. But the committee was not too concerned, for the county could, under eminent domain, condemn the land — and pay compensation to the dispossessed.

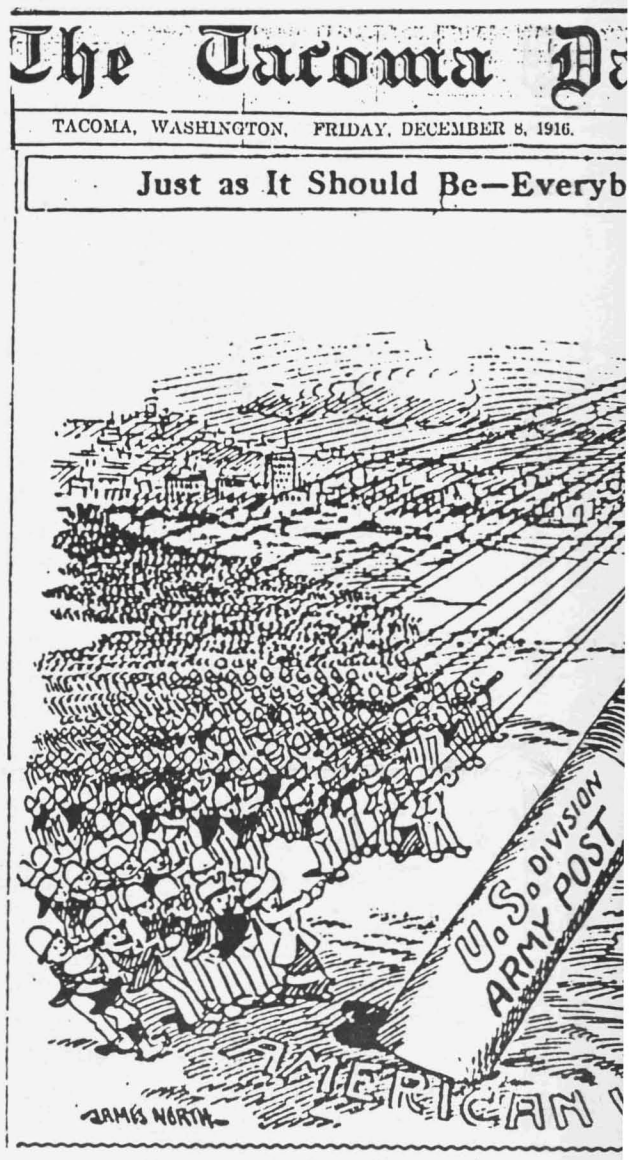
The county commissioners approved of the post-plan. The problem was that such a large area would cost a lot of money to condemn. So the committee devised a scheme to make the taxpayers foot the bill. To initiate it, 150 businessmen signed a petition requesting that the county commissioners arrange a $2,000,000 bond issue; the revenue to be used for the condemnation expenses. The commissioners complied, and set January 6th, 1917, as the election date.

A Whirlwind Campaign

On December 4th, the 'Daily News' ran the headline, "Tacoma Offered a Great Army Post," along with much favorable coverage of the planners' activities. Throughout the campaign that followed, the paper devoted a considerable amount of space to propost news — as did the other (although to a lesser extent) daily, the 'Tacoma Daily Ledger.' But this bias was to be expected, as the publisher of the 'Daily News' had been in on the ground floor.

A "Whirlwind Campaign" to convince voters to support the bond was announced by Mayor Fawcett, on December 4th. The mayor was also named chairman of the General Committee, designated to oversee the campaign.

One of the subcommittees was the booster committee, which sought the support of local booster and business



clubs, as well as support from fraternal and secret societies. The publicity committee, having already had, by default, the backing of the major media, mostly hung up propaganda posters, arranged for speakers, and organized meetings in nearly every "town and hamlet~ in the county.

The mayor also asked that every citizen be a "committee of one," and turn in the names of those who might be opposed. He promised to "get some committee, some person on (their) trail right away, or maybe see (them) myself and show (them) where (they) w(ere) wrong."

Economic Benefits

The campaign stressed, far more than any other theme, the economic benefits that the post would bring to the county (to quote Baker , "at the time the county was in commercial doldrums.") The building of it would be a boon to the local construction industry, as the government had promised contracts to Tacoma-area firms. County growers were told that the military commissary would be a steady customer for their produce. The Puyllup Valley Fruitgrowers Association President, W.H. Paulhamus agreed, and

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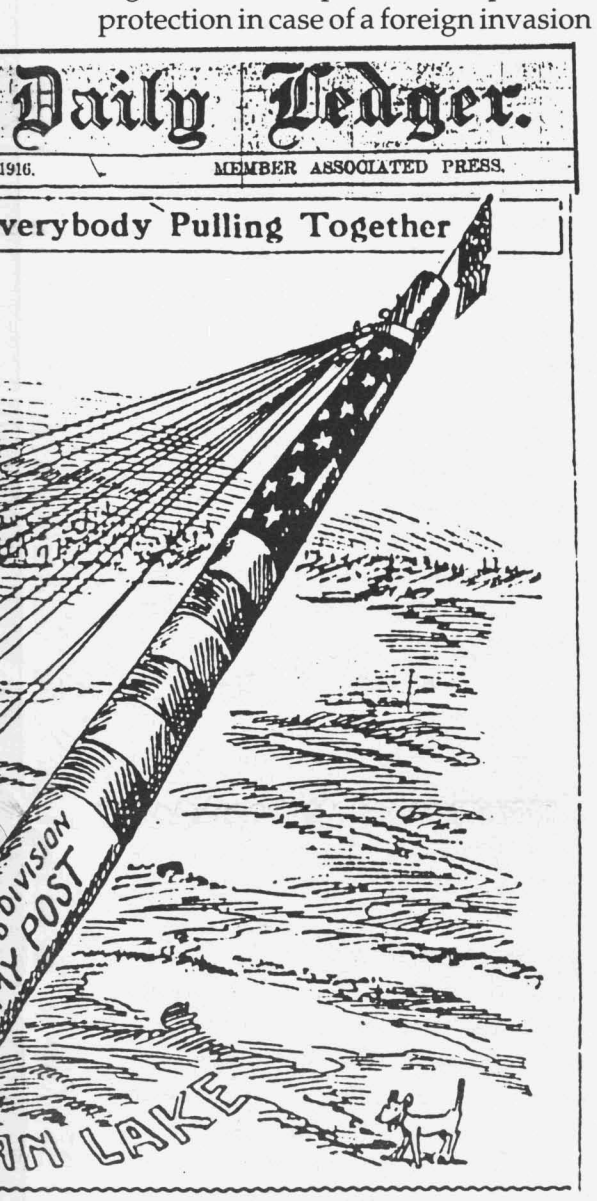
quickly came out in support of the plan. He saw it "as a great benefit to the county." As for Tacoma businesses, there would be at least 15,000 soldiers and officers stationed at the post in peace time — and many more, no doubt, in times of war. All would be paid monthly government checks. And Tacoma would be a likely place for them to spend some of it. In anticipation of the influx of consumer/soldiers, the Ice Confection Company of Tacoma announced, in December, that they were building a new factory and retail outlet on 52nd and Union, in South Tacoma

(Another theme drawn on by the campaign was regional defense. It was argued that the post would provide protection in case of a foreign invasion



from the Puget Sound. Some mentioned that it might be convenient to have the Post around for insurrectionary situations.)

The Opposition

Although largely unorganized, there was opposition to the plan. For instance, E.F. Lockwood wrote, in an editorial in the December 20th 'Daily News,' that he objected "to having the citizens pay a price for the" army post. Another dissenter was J.W.A. Nichols, an attorney from Steilacoom. Mr. Nichols announced, at a meeting at Tacoma's First Congregational Church, that he would "vote negative on this proposition."

One evening during the campaign, the College of Puget Sound sponsored "an open discussion of the army post." Several students and professors voiced their disapproval of the plan. Reverend J. Goehgan said: "Altho (sic) it may develop Tacoma from an economic standpoint...the benefit would only be temporary. It is an economic farce. While great men are bending their energies to bring about peace, we are laying out money to maintain an army of parasites.

It is madness and an economic farce."

Professor M. Davis opposed the plan because it "promoted militarism" and was "morally bad."

But many spoke in favor of the plan. One was Professor Ira Morton, who felt that Tacoma would "influence the lives of the soldier boys" in morally positive ways. Since, according to Morton, Tacoma is "a city of homes, schools, and churches... if the post is a detriment to the city, it is the fault of the city."

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A straw vote taken at the end of the discussion counted 73 yes; 28 no; 33 blank.

The Pierce County Labor Council twice voted down favorable army post resolutions. Perhaps members were not keen about having federal troops nearby that could be called upon to break strikes.

Among owners of the land for the proposed site, some were concerned that they would be bought out at a low price. It was rumored that Northern Pacific Railroad's offer to sell its over 2,000 acres for $8.30 per acre would be the standard. For this reason, some landowners vowed to vote against the bond. (The mere notion of the county's high-handed seizure of their private property may have also played a role in the no-vote pledge.)

The Securing of 70,000 Acres

The bond passed, overwhelmingly, on election day. The count was 25,049 for, and 4,145 against. And, given the enormous advantages that the post-plan committee had, including financial support from local businesses — $18,000 was raised to pay for the campaign — favorable coverage in the media, a considerable amount of time to prepare, and the absence of an organized opposition, the outcome should not have surprised anyone.

With the money to pay for securing the 70,000 acres assured, the committee directed former Washington State attorney general J.T.S. Lyle to establish the legality of the post-plan, both in the legislature and in the supreme court. Lyle, with a team of 4 lawyers, drafted such a bill for the legislature. It passed both houses unanimously, on February 24th. Ten days later, March 6th, all nine judges in the state supreme court concurred that it was legal for "the voters of Pierce County to bond themselves to present an army post to the United States government..."

Next on the agenda for Lyle and his staff was the task of acquiring title to 70,000 acres around American Lake, and the Nisqually plain. By early April — just prior to the United States' entry into the first world war — enough land had changed hands that a team of Army Engineers was able to go to the area and survey and map prospective locations for camps and training areas. On May 7th, generals from the various branches of the Army were directed to go and select places for 16 cantonments. (Standing by were over 70 local firms, ready to bid for the building contract being prepared by the War Department.)

Also in May of 1917, the Department of the Interior awarded all 3,500 acres of the Nisqually Indian Reservation in Pierce County to the War Department for incorporation into the new post. This government grab of Indian land was not popular among the Nisqually people, to say the least. For, as the historian Cecelia Svinth Carpenter, and others, pointed out, the decision cost many their homes, their churches, favorite hunting and fishing places, and much more — a way of life was lost to serve the needs of local businessmen and the military.

The Construction of the Camp

Construction began in the middle of June. The Hurley Mason Company of Tacoma shared the contract with 3 other local firms. These were the Cornell Brothers, Tacoma Dredging, and J.E. Bonnell. Major David Stone of the Quartermaster Corps supervised the building operation. Two civilians, Carl Pilat and W.J. Roberts. assisted him.

The First Soldiers Arrive...The First at Camp Lewis

Much of the construction was done by early September, when the first recruits began to arrive. (The post had recently been christened Camp Lewis, for Meriwether Lewis of "Lewis and Clark expedition" fame. General Henry A. Greene was ordered to organize a division with the new soldiers — most of whom were draftees from Alaska and the far western states. The officers were drawn from both the regular Army and the Reserve Officer Corps. The new division was named the 91st Infantry, "The First at Camp Lewis."

The 91st was sent to Europe in June of 1918, and was replaced by the 13th Division. This division was demobilized, with the exception of 2 infantry regiments, on January 12th, 1919. (Troops from these regiments were dispatched to Seattle and Tacoma in February of 1919, to help contain the challenge to capital occurring in these cities as a result of the Seattle General Strike.)

Camp Lewis was "designated a demobilization center..." in December of 1918, eventually discharging 66,000 soldiers. The Secretary of War announced on December 11th, 1918, "that the War Department had no intention of abandoning the camp, though the rapid decrease of activity — except for the demobilization process — left the future of the camp uncertain."

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Boycott: Seagram and Tropicana Products Called by: Student Environmental Action Coalition

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Nutshell: Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. (Seagram), is the largest single holder of stock in E.I. duPont de Nemours (DuPont), and Seagram controls 25% of the seats on DuPont's Board of Directors. Boycott organizers therefore are holding Seagram responsible for environmental damage caused by ozone depleting chemicals produced by DuPont, which produces more ozone depleting chemicals than any other company on Earth.

"DuPont, the largest industrial polluter in the United States, is also the leading global producer of ozone depleting chemicals, primarily chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)," reports Patricia Kennedy of the University of Delaware Chapter of the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC-UD). "Scientists believe that the destruction of the ozone layer will lead to an increase in the rate of skin cancer, including more cases of cataracts, and a greater susceptibility to infectious diseases, as exposure to ultra-violet (UV) radiation weakens the human immune system.

"Oceanic phytoplankton, the base of the marine food chain, will be affected as well, and wide-spread crop failure will occur should UV radiation rise to its predicted levels," says SEAC-UD's Kennedy. "In some countries, scientists have already begun to issue warnings about the increased UV radiation, advising people to take precautions when going outside on days when ground level UV reaches extreme levels.

"Over the years, DuPont has built up a reputation of profit-driven avoidance of environmental issues, and has evaded the CFC crisis for some time," Kennedy charges. "As threats of massive ozone destruction intensify, DuPont continues its production of ozone depleting chemicals. In 1991, DuPont manufactured *170 thousand tons* of CFCs, approximately 25% of the global market."

Because DuPont lacks easily targetable consumer products, organizers found it difficult to boycott DuPont directly. But Seagram, with its close ties to DuPont and its highly visible product lines, offered organizers a way to let consumers get at DuPont's wallet.

"[Seagram] owns 24.4% of DuPont's overall stock or 164 million shares," SEAC-UD's Patricia Kennedy points out. "In 1991 the market value of DuPont's CFC production was approximately $425 million, and throughout the 80's DuPont maintained an average of $600 million a year in sales... In 1991, [Seagram] profited $4.5 billion alone from these shares. Simply put, because Seagram is profiting from its investments in DuPont, they are profiting from ozone destruction.

"[Seagram] is the largest, single shareholder in [DuPont], and through this connection has the leverage it needs to influence DuPont and their ozone destroying policies," Kennedy explains. "Seagram controls five of the 20 seats on the DuPont Board of Directors, while seven of DuPont's Board sit on Seagram's Board. [Seagram] has also consistently supported DuPont and its position on CFC production, and [Seagram] believes that DuPont is seeking a solution 'in the most humanitarian way possible.' Because of these strong corporate/political ties between DuPont and Seagram, and the undeniable loyalty that [Seagram] has shown for DuPont, Seagram will be as guilty as DuPont of the charges of ozone destruction. As long as these two companies continue to profit at the expense of ozone destruction, they will be held accountable to stopping it."

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"The CFC issue has been a major focus of the DuPont Board, which has unanimously supported management in diligently phasing out CFC production," states Rosemary Moore, Vice President of Corporate Communications and Public Relations for Seagram. "An aggressive effort by both producers and users to eliminate CFCs has been in progress for some time, and DuPont has accelerated its part in that effort.

"DuPont, which had previously announced plans to phase out production of CFCs no later than 1995 and to replace them with newly developed substitute materials, issued a press release on Monday, March 8, 1993 announcing its intention to stop CFC production by year end 1994, a full year sooner than mandated by the most recent agreements of the Montreal Protocol," notes Seagram's Moore. "DuPont's position is a sound one and Seagram, as a major shareholder in DuPont, supports that position, which is consistent with government and environmental thinking around the world. DuPont has previously stated, 'It is our belief that the disastrous disruption to commerce, medical care and the food supply resulting from a precipitous elimination of CFCs are among the reasons why the governments of the world have not banned CFCs immediately until suitable alternatives are available and equipment to use them has been developed and is in place.'

"Seagram is committed to preserving and protecting the environment," Moore asserts. "Concern for the environment is a corporate priority and [an] essential element of good business practice."

Sharon C. Gidumal, Environmental Specialist for DuPont Fluorochemicals, writes, "DuPont is very concerned about protection of the ozone layer, and our people have been working with industry, regulatory agencies, environmental groups, and our customers to try to move society away from the use of CFCs as soon as possible."

Gidumal sent the Center for Economic Democracy a copy of the March 8, 1993 DuPont press statement announcing the company's accelerated phaseout of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) production in developed countries by one year to the end of 1994.

"In 1988, the company said that it would phase out CFC production as soon as possible," the DuPont statement maintains. "Since then, alternative technologies have been developed, adequate supplies of alternatives are available and atmospheric measurements continue to confirm that ozone losses will increase.

"'The accelerated phaseout is consistent with the need for society to accelerate its transition to alternative products — a transition which is well under way around the world,' said Joseph P. Glas, vice president and general manager - [DuPont] Fluorochemicals. 'In fact, the European Community already has elected to phase out CFC production by the end of 1994. We believe the two-year advance notice of our phaseout gives industry time to take full advantage of available options. We support all activities that accelerate the transition.'

"Comprehensive programs including recycle/reclaim, the timely conversion of existing equipment to use alternatives, and the replacement of old equipment with new systems designed to use alternatives, will be critical to minimize societal disruptions," the statement continues. "DuPont will continue to work with its customers in their transition to substitutes.

"The major barrier to achieving an accelerated phaseout is servicing the large volume of existing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment that relies on CFCs," DuPont contends. "This equipment, which includes supermarket food display cases and building and auto air conditioners, among others, represents a total investment of more than $200 billion. Existing systems originally designed to use CFCs cannot use any known alternative as a direct drop-in replacement without modification or redesign.

"Refrigeration and air conditioning account for almost half of CFC use," DuPont claims. "About 80 percent of the refrigerants DuPont sells are used to service existing equipment.

"The company expects that there will be sufficient alternatives capacity worldwide to effect the transition. By year-end 1994, DuPont alone will have more than 100,000 tonnes of new alternatives capacity.

"DuPont strongly urges end-users of CFCs to establish transition plans today and to learn what options are available to best serve their needs," DuPont's statement concludes. "The company has invested more than $400 million in the commercialization of CFC alternatives and offers the broadest range of products — 'Suva' refrigerants, 'Formacel' foam expansion agents, 'Dymel' propellants, 'Axarel' cleaning agents and 'Solderel' no clean solder paste."

There is clearly general agreement on all sides in this dispute that CFC production is in large part responsible for ozone depletion. Even DuPont's own bi-monthly publication, *DuPont Magazine*, added a special section to its March/April 1993 issue addressing CFCs, including an article quoting United Nations scientist Dr. Robert T. Watson as saying, "Unfortunately, I have to report that the situation with respect to ozone depletion is significantly more serious than when you last met in London. There is no doubt that ozone depletion is occurring primarily because of human activities.

"In addition, there is now observational evidence that ozone is being depleted over heavily populated areas of the northern and southern hemispheres throughout the year.

Dr. Watson emphasizes, "It is now also recognized that if the stratosphere experiences a long cold winter with the current high levels of chlorine and bromine in the atmosphere, the potential exists for significant large scale ozone depletion over the Arctic and surrounding populated areas of Europe, Asia and North America in both winter and springtime."

"It is generally accepted by the global scientific community that ozone depletion is real, and that man-made chlorine and bromine compounds are primarily responsible," admits F.A. Vogelsberg, Jr., Environmental Manager for DuPont Fluorochemicals. "The following question emerges: what can be done to minimize potential adverse effects and at what price to society?"

"We would cease production of

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CFCs immediately if substitute products and equipment were broadly available to make it practical to do so," assured DuPont in its *Statement of Position on CFCs* in its 1992 Annual Report. "To cease manufacture of CFCs would have no meaningful impact on our financial results. But we, along with the governments of the world who could mandate immediate cessation of production of CFCs, recognize that these materials are required to meet vital societal needs. These needs, such as refrigeration to protect the perishable food supply from production through distribution to consumption, are, in our opinion, vital to the immediate health and well-being of the peoples of the world...

"It is our belief that the disastrous disruptions to commerce, medical care and the food supply resulting from a precipitous elimination of CFCs are among the reasons why the governments of the world have not banned CFCs immediately until suitable alternatives are available and equipment to use them has been developed and is in place," argues DuPont.

"We believe that it is the responsibility of the governments of the world and the users of CFCs to make the decision whether CFCs continue to be essential to societal needs. In our opinion, it would be irresponsible to disregard the considered positions of international bodies and world governments through a unilateral decision to cease production."

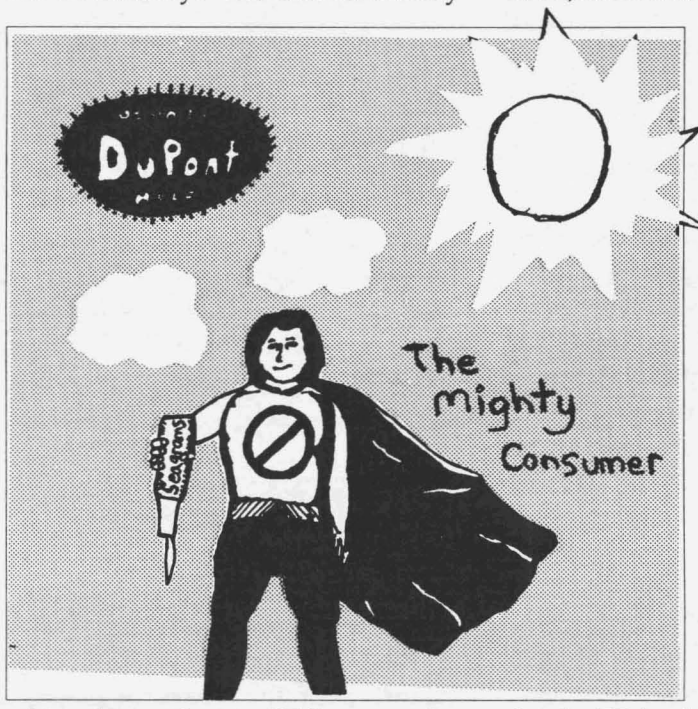
While all agree that CFCs must be phased out, boycott organizers and the two companies are polarized on just how to accomplish the phase-out.

"[Seagram] states that it supports the environmental policies at DuPont because they are 'consistent with government and environmental thinking around the world,'" notes Patricia Kennedy of SEAC-UD. "Seagram also maintains that DuPont's announcement to phase-out CFCs a year earlier than the mandate and DuPont's plans to replace the destructive chemicals with safe alternatives, is a sound decision. It is true that DuPont is speeding up the phase-out of CFCs because alternatives do exist; however, the alternatives that DuPont is proposing are in most cases 25% as depleting as CFCs..., or global warming gasses."

And Kennedy points out that, "DuPont's ozone-depleting alternatives may escape the regulations of the Montreal Protocol as well, thanks to a carefully written loophole. According to the Montreal Protocol, 'production' is defined as the manufacturing of an end product for sale. Since 'production' is defined in such a narrow manner, DuPont can claim that they are phasing out 'production' of CFCs. However, DuPont can continue to manufacture CFCs for making other chemicals, like HFC - the proposed replacement for CFCs.

"HFC-134A is the alternative that has been hailed by DuPont as 'environmentally friendly,' when it is actually made from a CFC. When CFC-113 Feedstock is used to manufacture the alternative HFC, the by-product is carbon tetrachloride," Kennedy underscores. "I would like to know how DuPont plans to produce HFCs without violating both the Montreal Protocol and the 1990 Clean Air Act which ban [both] CFC-113 Feedstock and carbon tetrachloride?

"DuPont is taking advantage of a loophole in the Montreal Protocol which enables the corporation to make the erroneous claim that they are phasing out CFCs and replacing them with safe alternatives when, in fact, they cannot," charges SEAC-UD's Kennedy. "It's true that many



of the alternatives to CFCs cannot be patented. Therefore, DuPont does not stand to profit [from them] and will continue to promote only alternatives that guarantee a return for the corporation. It is our belief that DuPont is only replacing one group of dangerous chemicals with another, and, in doing so, DuPont remains the major obstacle to truly safe alternatives to CFCs."

"In fact," asserts Karen Lohr of Ozone Action, "DuPont announced on March 8, 1993 that they plan to continue to produce and profit from ozone destroying chemicals until 2030. They will only do a partial halt to manufacturing CFCs, having agreed only to end production in developed countries. And they will manufacture HCFCs as a 'substitute' for at least three decades."

DuPont defends its alternatives with a quote from the UN's Dr. Watson: "It is technically and economically feasible to phase out CFCs, methyl chloroform and carbon tetrachloride between 1995 and 1997, assuming an aggressive recycle and retrofit policy and with HCFC substitution for some important uses. For an accelerated phaseout of controlled substances, HCFCs will be required for a period of time for a number of applications, in particular refrigeration, air conditioning, heat pumps and insulating foams."

But Ozone Action's Karen Lohr reiterates, "DuPont's substitutes are not ozone-friendly. HCFCs are still powerful ozone destroyers, and they reach the ozone layer faster, so that if they become widely used as a 'substitute', a massive load of these ozone destroyers will hit the stratosphere during the peak of destruction from CFCs. It's like throwing gasoline on a fire - explosive!

"HFC-134a, 'SUVA', DuPont's other major substitute, is a greenhouse gas many times more harmful to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide," says Lohr. "In November 1992, scientists discovered that HFCs also have an ozone destroying potential, contrary to DuPont's claims that they are safe for the ozone layer."

As for disruption of commerce, medical care and the food supply, Ozone Action's Lohr asks, "What about the disastrous disruption to all life on earth from massive radiation exposure due to ozone depletion?"

Lohr points to a 1992 Regulatory Impact Analysis prepared for the EPA which shows the costs of a "massive conversion to ozone friendly alternatives would be in the billions of dollars, [while] the costs of not doing so will be in the trillions of dollars."

"A rapid phase-out would lead to 'cancer deaths avoided' ranging from 3 million to 4.6 million [in the U.S.]," notes Lohr. "Crop damage alone in the U.S. ... is estimated to reach $65 billion by 2075. Imagine the costs of the crop damage that will occur world-wide, and the resulting food shortages."

"The EPA has been sympathetic to industry," charges Ozone Action's Lohr. "William Reilly, the EPA Administrator who represented the U.S. during the Montreal Protocol negotiations, has just been appointed to the DuPont Board of Directors, less than four months after leaving office. It is a serious ethical violation and a conflict of interest for Reilly to be working for DuPont when the majority of his staff are still in place at the EPA."

"They are masters of evading responsibility," exclaims Rhys Roth, Project Director for the Atmospheric Alliance in response to DuPont's statement that, "it is the responsibility of the governments of the world and the users of CFCs to make the decision whether CFCs continue to be essential to societal needs."

"For fifteen years DuPont has wielded massive lobbying power to block governments from banning CFCs," Roth contends. "DuPont has knowingly imperiled the ozone layer, putting humanity and the world's ecological stability at risk. DuPont officials should be charged with high crimes against the Earth, and the profits DuPont accrued through these crimes should be seized and used to speed the total elimination of ozone destroying chemicals."

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Hands Around the Capitol

Anna Schlect

The following is the speech Anna gave at the "Hands Around the Capitol Rally, April 25, 1993, on the Capitol Steps, in Olympia, WA.

I want to start by acknowledging whose land we're on. Our struggle on this continent for our Civil Rights owes a debt to the original inhabitants - the Native Americans who lost the vast majority of their land and are still fighting after 500 years of resistance, to retain their culture. For those of us who are not Native Americans, we must honor their struggle in our fight to survive.

We are here today in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the other Washington - Today we are making history happen. We are here standing before our state capitol to tell our city, our county, our state, and the entire country that the time has come for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people to claim our basic, inalienable rights as American Citizens.

Democracy is a Constant Struggle

We are out here today to hear ourselves finally read into that document that is supposed to bind us all together under democracy with liberty and justice for all. We, the Affectional Minorities of this nation, have historically been a silent part of every facet of American history, running the full gamut from patriots to reformers to protestors of our government. We both fought in the Vietnam War as decorated soldiers, and we fought against it in the Anti-Vietnam War Movement. As a testament to our vast diversity, we have been a vital part of every political movement, every cultural, racial, religious, class, and ethnic community across this land.

In short - we are America and we will no longer be silent.

The issues that divide our nation, such as race, class, gender, and physical ability - also divide up the potential unity within our community. In our vast diversity, we must be inclusive. Our political events must reflect our many races, colors, genders, and physical abilities. We must recognize the political validity of all of our activists whether they work with Act Up or the Log Cabin Republicans.

Many of us have found that despite what is portrayed as the founding principles of liberty and justice for all - that we live in an unjust society, where freedom and liberty are beyond the grasp of many.

We live in a society whose Constitution at it's inception excluded African Amercians, relegating them first the status of slavery, then under Jim Crow to the separate and unequal prison of segregation. Despite the hard won gains of the Civil Rights Movement racism still flourishes. After nearly 400 years, the struggle for racial justice continues.

We live in a society whose Constitution relegated women to the status of their husbands' property - and despite the suffrage movement, voting rights & the recent several generations of feminist activism the struggle for gender equality continues.

In the tradition of Civil Rights Movements, ours is very young, and we still labor to give birth to the culture of our own resistance. However, we must resist the temptation to simply co-opt the successes of other civil rights movements. We must take particular care to acknowledge the immense debt to the African American Civil Rights Movement, the movement that is essentially the Grandmother and Grandfather to all progressive political movements to follow. For those of us who are not African American, we must also look to our *own* diverse cultural traditions to find those touchstones of resistance which give us the courage and vision to continue.

Photo by Dave Campbell

There is a touchstone from my culture, as both a European-American and a Jew, that has always given me great inspiration. During the Holocaust, the Nazis ordered that the Jewish citizens of various European countries had to wear the yellow star to designate them for discrimination and eventually extermination. The King of Denmark defied the Nazis by ordering that all Danish citizens wear the star in solidarity with Jews. In an act of solidarity that will never be forgotten by Jews, the Danish people rose up in solidarity by wearing yellow stars, an act which caused many Christian Danes to suffer the same fate as Jewish Danes. Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Activists ask that all Citizens of Washington wear a Pink triangle in solidarity with our struggle on Friday, June 19th during Pride Week.

We have come together to claim our place under the constitution, to fight for those basic civil rights that we as Citizens were promised as our birth right, regardless of our affectional orientation. It is the gay 90s, and we will not, should not and can not forsake our struggle until we claim our place at the table of democracy.

The King of Denmark defied the Nazis by ordering that all Danish citizens wear the star in solidarity with Jews. In an act of solidarity that will never be forgotten by Jews, the Danish people rose up in solidarity by wearing yellow stars, an act which caused many Christian Danes to suffer the same fate as Jewish Danes.

Special Rights

Our struggle takes on a critical edge in Washington State. We have been targeted by the Religious Right for a Campaign of Hatred and Bigotry. It is their hope to create *special rights for bigots* to take away our civil rights and to foment a climate of anti-gay violence. Their battle cry is that we constitute a rich, powerful, and perverted segment of society conspiring for so-called special rights. Yes indeed, we seem to have special rights.

Because of the simple fact of our affectional orientation,

We have the special right to have our kids taken away, or to have them humiliated in schools because of who their parents are.

We have the right to be rejected by our families, often in the hour of our greatest need.

We have the special right of losing our jobs or our homes because the bigoted element in our society hates us.

We have the special right to be yelled at, assaulted, even murdered simply because of whom we love.

We have the special right to die by the hundreds of thousands from a dis-

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(Hands Rally, continued)

ease called Aids, which would have had a cure were we not the victims.

Yes indeed we have special rights.

The task before us is immense, but so is our commitment. We must rise to the occasion. We must beat the CAW and others who are truly our enemies, yet retain the patience and compassion to educate those who are simply ignorant of the issues, and to work in solidarity with other peoples who are still struggling for their freedom.

"Those People"

History is practice of looking back on those brave and courageous people who dared to stand up and make a difference. We see them as somehow different from us.

I think of the heros of my childhood, like Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat and go to the back of the bus, and the many nameless people that I saw roll across the TV news as they were beaten, knocked down by fire hoses as they marched for civil rights. Or of Anne Frank whose youthful humanity recorded a small but significant part of the Holocaust - her family's struggle to survive & the Dutch citizens who bravely hid them from the Nazis. Or a more recent hero - Cesar Chavez, who died just a few days ago after devoting his entire life to fighting for the rights of farmworkers to have decent jobs and lives.

I find it easy to put these people on pedestals, and somehow let myself off the hook of taking such immense risks. Yet if I seek the safety of the closet, of the personal fear for my own safety, when will my justice come?

Who are the heros of this current battle for civil rights?

Harvey Milk - as a San Francisco Council person became a public gay leader knowing it would most likely cost him his life, and it did.

Billie Edwards - who gave his life to save his lover when three masked men stormed into a Milwaukee gay bar looking to shoot up some fags. He was my cousin and it was in his death that I found out he too was gay. He never knew that I was a lesbian.

Locally, I would like to honor two people who were a strong inspiration to me - Tom Howdeshell, who became a gay activist when he was outed by a local Police Department's Anti-Gay Harassment Campaign in the late 1970's. He has ever since been a strong voice for gay rights and now works with Law Enforcement to ensure that local Police respond to queer-bashing incidents with speed and sensitivity.

Jackie Dennee, who had the courage be one of only two people to testify at the 1986 Olympia Council Hearing on the Gay Rights Ordinance. It passed, and Jackie's efforts brought that about.

Harvey Milk, Billie Edwards, and many others made choices to become "those people" and lost their lives for their actions. Harvey Milk saw it coming for years, and even wrote about it in a prewritten self-eulogy to be read at his own funeral Including the statement "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door!" His prophesy underscored the need for gay america to come out as perhaps the strongest act of liberation. Billie Edwards made the decision to become one of "those people" in a heart beat - when the gun men each rammed their pistols into his lovers face - he impulsively stood up to protect him and was cut down in a hail of bullets. He gave his life for the man he loved, and perhaps unintentionally for the gay rights struggle.

Tom Howdeshell and Jackie Dennee, and many others in our community have risked their lives for Gay & Lesbian rights in an earlier and more dangerous era. But it is a risk worth taking.

If this were a more civil society, we would not have to fight for these so called "special" privileges of basic civil rights - the rights to homes, jobs, to raise families, the right to live without fear of violence and hatred and discrimination.

Each of us must rise to the occasion. This is our call to arms because we can not wait any longer for some one else to liberate us. We must become "those people" with our own personal courage and vision.

If we want to be able to tell our children the history of our struggle, they will ask who were the people who :

* fought for gay and lesbian civil rights - *WE ARE*!

*who will fight lesbian custody battles to keep our children - *WE ARE!*

*who will fight for the right of equal protection under the law - *WE ARE!*

*who will fight for the right to decent housing in communities as small as Olympia, Shelton or even Matlock to live openly and without fear - *WE ARE!*

* to make the connections between the struggle against Homophobia, Economic Injustice, Racism, Sexual & Domestic Violence and all forms of oppression - *WE ARE!*

None of us is free until all of us are free

We must all find the strength, and vision and courage to stand up where ever we are and engage ourselves fully in the struggle for basic civil rights for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgender people and all other people struggling to be free! No matter how dangerous and frightening the road ahead, we can never go back. Our time has come, and no matter the cost, we shall win. I urge that we as Affectional Minorities and our Allies all devote our hearts & minds, our lives & passions to this just cause until the day that this document - the US Constitution, protects all our rights, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religion or affectional orientation. Until that day please do all that you can to fight for the civil rights of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Seattle Gay Pride March
June 27, 1993

A Recipe for Guns

To: Bill Clinton
From: Jerome Johnson
Subject: Military Policy
CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET/Guardian

When we consider military policy, we should remember military policy, we should remember that the primary mission of our armed forces is the defense of the United States. The U.S. military should not be the world's police nor hired enforcer for foreign despots (Kuwait) or multi-national corporations (United Fruit). The end of the Cold War greatly reduces the threat of conventional war against the U.S., but as the 21st century approaches, so do new challenges: counter-terrorism, coalition operations, air- and sea-lift capability. Certain weapons systems should be canceled and some basic restructuring done.

1. Opening combat air to women was excellent. Follow up with a phase-in of ground units. In July lift the ban unequivocally.

2. We need to review the issue of privacy and decent conditions in all services, but especially the Navy. "Hotbunking" is too common, and on one ship there are only 4 toilets and 4 showers for 90 personnel! Something needs to be done about this.

3. Immediately cancel the B-2 bomber, V-22 Osprey, Seawolf submarine, Comanche helicopter, and C-17 transports. Stop building nuclear weapons and accelerate current build-down; don't resume testing in July or any other time. Use the money saved to maintain current TO & E, veterans' benefits and services.

4. There is too much duplication in the services, and duplication breeds waste. Recommendations:

*Merge the three intelligence services into the DIA.

The U.S. military should not be the world's police nor hired enforcer for foreign despots (Kuwait) or multi-national corporations (United Fruit).

*Merge Navy and Marine aircraft into the Air Force.

* Merge the Air Force's SPACOM into NORAD.

* Merge logistics under one central command.

5. Make sure that damned SDI stays dead.

The end of the Cold War means that the likelihood of another nation attacking the U.S. is remote. While training should continue, there is less of a need for forward-deployed units and you are correct in reducing them. Most counter-terrorist and hostage-rescue operations can be carried out by small commando units. However, the best defense against terrorism, especially in the Middle East, is a healthy relationship with a benign government. It's much better to prevent terrorism by addressing oppressed people's concerns politically, rather than reacting militarily.

Coalition operations should be carefully considered. The U.S. should observe certain criteria:

* How "doable" is the mission?

* If other than humanitarian grounds, why should the U.S. help?

*Can the job be done without the U.S.? If not, why not?

*How many casualties would the U.S. suffer?

* What are long-term effects?

* The level of U.S. participation should be matched by others.

Hotspots:

* Stay out of Bosnia. Most of the "pressure" to "lead" and "do something" is coming from clueless pundits, congressional hawks or snobbish Europeans — none of whom will have to go and fight. Most Americans don't want to be part of the Balkan war; you're showing strength by staying out. Don't be goaded into something you know is bad.

* Be ready to evacuate the embassy in Cairo.

* Emphasize the need for better intelligence about North Korea — don't do anything rash. Keep negotiating — after all, if they do have nukes we can't take them away.

As with the rest of the country, you'll accomplish as much with attitude and demeanor as you do with policy. Consensus is fine, but you're the boss.

See ya when I get back.

cc: Hillary Rodham Clinton
The Joint Chiefs of Staff
David Price, State Department
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that precedent as an excuse to send UN troops into South Africa.

We will see this happen within the next 3 to 4 years.

"As the black community becomes radicalized, the black militant movement will start race wars. You will see them sending small hit teams into the white communities. You'll see them indiscriminately kill white people so that a backlash will be created. We can not accept that!"

"They will appeal to the UN to intervene because of genocide, and you will see the blue helmets marching into L.A., New York, and even Seattle.

"With that kind of violence, we will need a change in government. You will see the convening of a Constitutional Convention and the result will be a government like we now see in Denmark or Finland, or perhaps like the new Russian Constitution."

"H. Ross Perot is an integral part of this whether he knows it or not. When people are seeing all the violence and disorder, you'll see someone stand up and say elect me and I'll put safety back into our community. That person will get elected. That is how Hitler was elected.

"Can this be prevented? You bet"

The answer is the clergy because they can know the truth. They can provide leadership. But not by singing Amazing Grace, but by being active.

The government must be run by bible minded people.

This can not be prevented if you people do not get involved. You must get into the political system and tell them this is socialism and enough is enough. It can be done, all we need is three percent.

"What are our hopes of getting help from somewhere else? Zip."

"It is not going to come from the Republican Party, It is not going to come from a third party, It is going to take us Christians. By working on an initiative to roll back taxes, and by working on an initiative to eliminate the Department of Ecology."

"If we are not willing to pay the price, we are going to loose it."

Dobbs concluded by explaining why he had let openly gay and lesbian people into the meeting:

"I let those people in to plant the seeds."

"Do you think I was mean spirited?"

Crowd reply: "NO, NO, NO, Not at all!"

Dobbs: "Well except with that guy with the funky hair, I don't think anyone could say I was mean spirited. When they read about me in the Seattle Gay News, perhaps they will remember that I'm a nice guy. When those people want to make a major decision in their lives and want to get out of that lifestyle, perhaps they will remember us."

If you would like more information on the fundamentalist agenda in Washington State, tune in to KAOS Radio (89.3) every Friday at 5: 30 pm for Out Loud. You can also call the Washington Freedom Coalition at (206) 943-4662.

NERO'S DREAM

once in my deepest recollections
i came upon a dire connection
bathed in primal introspection
i reached enlightened elevation
idiotic it would now seem
for me to stock upon a dream
matters of my civil stand
with no solid proof at hand
but you were not there in my mind
to pass through veils of dream and time
and witness marvels i have seen
of future man has yet to glean
entombed somewhere in eons hence
where each man lives by decadence
success is marked in money sense
and status by how much he spends
idyllic now it comes to me
how perfect a society
that managed to have done so well
in what to buy and what to sell
noble in my fading vision
lies this realm in unique fission
fashioned after my own home -
that distant, fleeting future Rome

connor

Marching

Marching onto a place that is nowhere to be found
So that I can unburden
Myself of packages and boxes
And the little things in my life
That makes life so damn hard to bear.
The cry of a child
That refuses comfort
Makes my heart cold with the
Energy already taken from it
So, I never start that march
That march to nowhere
Where I can rest my body, Boxes and bags
The road to nowhere
Has left me on my own.

Sonya Bedillion

The material equivalent of tranquility

Because I could not stand,
you sat with me and spoke
of things the thoughts of which
we shared, and when

the light ran out the windows
and down the walls to pool
in puddles on the sidewalk,
you touched my hand goodbye,

and shut the door behind you,
and the ripple of
your last footfall sent waves
on up the porch to break

against the last sand castles,
and fill a tranquil tidepool.
Slowly, starfish whirled,
turtles and anemones danced, and

my sheets turned to bands of kelp:
dolphins rose through
silver water, and fins churned
bright in deepened darkness.

Michael McNeilley

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

Next meeting:

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